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Soviet Troops in Szekesfehervar.

1. On 16 July 1951, Soviet troops in Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00), were located in two barracks installation situated side by side on the south side of Voereshadsereg, formerly Budai Street, opposite houses No 150 - 170. Sentries wearing black service color and artillery insignia were observed standing guard at the entrances of the two installations, which apparently were not new, but in good condition. Although the installation located farther to the east was blocked to observation, some women and children were observed looking from the windows of the two two-story buildings of the western installation which fronted on the street. About 25 Soviet troops were engaged in maintenance work on about 10 trucks at a garage located farther toward the rear, and extending over the entire width, of the installation. Four or five armored vehicles, covered with tarpaulins, and 5 small wheeled armored scout cars were parked near a smaller garage. One of the armored vehicles had five bogie wheels. A workshop was located beside the small garage. From 50 to 60 troops were observed in close-order drill in the barracks yard and between the individual buildings.
2. A Soviet agency, not guarded by sentries, was in the villa at 13 Koeztarsasag Street, on the west side of the street. [REDACTED] 25X1D was parked in front of the building. An officer wearing four silver stars and artillery insignia alighted from the truck.
3. The former Arpad Hotel at 27-29 Koeztarsasag Street, on the west side of the street, was also occupied by Soviet troops. The building was guarded by three sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia. Shortly before 2 p.m., the hotel was entered by 30 to 40 officers who came from the direction of Voereshadsereg Street and wore two or three stars each and tank insignia.

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Soviet Motor Vehicles in Balaton-Almadi.

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Hungarian Troops in Szekesfehervar.

6. On 16 July 1951, about 50 Hungarian troops wearing red, 30 wearing blue, and 30 wearing green service color were observed in the streets of the city. Their billets were not identified.
7. About 20 AVH soldiers wearing blue service color were observed in the three-story building at 7 Voerhoeshadsereg, in front of which an AVH sentry stood guard. Sentries wearing blue service color guarded the three-story billet at the intersection of Voerhoeshadsereg Street and Deak Ferenc Street. It was located west of the barracks installations occupied by Soviet troops but on the same street. One more AVH billet guarded by a sentry was located in the small single-story building at 34 Jozsef Attila Street. ***

Hungarian Maneuvers Northwest of Veszprem.

8. On 13 July 1951, numerous Hungarian troops wearing green service color were billeted in private houses in Varosloed. About 250 men were counted, the total number of the troops being far higher. On the same day, Hungarian troops wearing green service color requisitioned billets in Bakonyjanko (P 48/D 49). Soldiers driving four horse-drawn field kitchens and wearing green service color were observed traveling toward Farkasgyepue (P 48/D 49). Soldiers wearing red service color were observed in the inn of Bakonyjanko. Two trucks were parked in front of it.
9. On 14 July 1951, about 50 soldiers wearing green service color were billeted in the former inn on the main square in Herend (P 48/D 58). Reports of numerous guns were heard in the Herend-Varosloed-Bakonyjanko area on the same day.

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms reports of the second half of 1950 by resettlers on the Soviet occupation of the billets indicated. See
 25X1A [REDACTED] It is believed that courses for officers were held in the Arvad Hotel, the trainees being presumably billeted in the barracks installations on Voerhoeshadsereg. Also, Soviet units are believed to be located in the installation.

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25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. No previous report stated that Soviet troops were located in Balaton-Almadi. [REDACTED]

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25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. An AVH unit has been observed in Szekesfehervar since June 1950. [REDACTED]

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